

STANDISH ROAD NCD STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
POLICE STATION – KINGSBURY ROOM

MINUTES/SUMMARY

Study Committee present: Naomi Cameron, Catherine Johnson, Gerald Murphy, Helen Robertson, Michael Scholl

Also present: Denton Road NCD Members: Janet Giele, Joel Slocum, Tucker Swan; Planning Director Michael Zehner; Assistant Planning Director Imaikalani Aiu; Joshua Dorin, approximately thirty-five Town residents (count incomplete because attendance sheet was incomplete)

Call to Order

Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair addressed the committee, the panel of Denton Road NCD Commission members and the audience, speaking of the purpose of the meeting and then introduced the panel, the Town Planning Director, and Assistant Planning Director. Ms. Johnson turned over the meeting to Janet Giele.

Dr. Giele presented the history of the formation of the Denton Road NCD, including passage of Town Bylaw 46A, which enables the establishment of Neighborhood Conservation Districts. Following the presentation, other members of the Commission – Helen Robertson, Joel Slocum, and Tucker Swan, chair, spoke of their involvement on the Commission and what their experience has been when applications are made to the Commission for determination of the appropriateness of an addition or external change to the building.

Dr. Giele asked that any questions or comments be held until after the presentations were completed.

Michael Zehner, Planning Director, spoke about the Town's use of NCDs as Planning Tools and how they were supported within the 2007 Comprehensive Plan.

Imaikalani Aiu, Assistant Planning Director, is the staff member who assists the NCD Commissions process the applications. He described the process and spoke about the use of guidelines to make determinations.

Members of the Study Committee then spoke about the work the Committee is undertaking. Mr. Scholl discussed the research that has been done on historic districts and neighborhood conservation districts. Examinations of districts in Wellesley, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and nationwide have shown that

there is an increase in property values for houses that sell within districts as compared to property values for houses that sell “town-wide”. This material will be presented in the Study Report. Mr. Scholl then asked the public if there was any data they wanted to share.

The information session ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Documents

Purpose of Meeting

Profiles of Denton Road NCD Commission members, Planning staff